

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 958

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A RESOLUTION to recognize May 15, 2004, as a "Day of Special Prayer for Widows."

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those citizens, who, through their endurance of an immeasurable sadness, have entered into a closer relationship with a higher power; and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of the Widows Harvest Ministries that widows are specifically called to pray; the mission of Widows Harvest Ministries follows the mandate of James 1:27 to "Visit a widow in their distress," and this worthy organization assists widows in many areas, including home repair; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1987 and based in Chattanooga, Widows Harvest Ministries believes that it is of the utmost importance to plead the case of, provide assistance to, promote the spiritual growth of, and minister to widows; and

WHEREAS, widows benefit from not only their own prayers, but also from the prayers of people throughout their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, spiritual well-being is equally as important to a widow as her physical well-being, and a day of prayer and reflection is a necessary first step in that direction; and

WHEREAS, in the turbulent times in which we live, prayer and upright living are beneficial to all members of our society, especially widows; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly recognize a day for prayer and reflection for widows; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize May 15, 2004, as a "Day of Special Prayer for

Widows" and ask that all Tennesseans pause to remember and empathize with the plight of our bereaved sisters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.